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Potato Harvest Is Nearly Complete

Agricultural Summary

Statewide, the temperature reading fell below normal and some precipitation in the forms of rain and snow was received. Temperatures ranged from 49 to 70 during the day and from 20 to 38 at night. The moisture fell ranged from 0.15 to 2.39 inches. The 2004 apple crop harvest is complete in the south-western part of the state. Most counties have had irrigation water shut off. For the week ending October 24, major agricultural activities included caring for and moving livestock to winter pastures, fall soil preparation, planting winter wheat, and harvesting hay, apples, sugarbeets, and potatoes.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and Pasture condition remained mostly fair to good during this past week with some improvement from statewide rain storms. Cattle and sheep continue to be reported in good condition. Livestock are being moved off of the range, and ranchers are shipping calves out.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2004	2003	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	25	47	34
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	92	96	94

Field Crop Report

Statewide, the 2005 winter wheat crop is reported to be nearly planted and in good condition. The state's potato harvest was nearing completion slightly ahead of last year and the five-year average. The sugarbeet harvest is progressing ahead of normal as well. Canyon County Extension Educators reported receiving a tremendous amount of wet weather during the last week that has halted the sugarbeet and corn harvest. Power County Extension Educators reported the moisture received in the county was excellent for the winter wheat crop, but interrupted the sugarbeet and corn harvest during the beginning of the week. Franklin and Bear Lake County Extension Educators reported both counties receiving snow, with accumulations in some areas of up to 6 inches. Both counties also reported having fall crops that look extremely good. Caribou County Extension Educators reported that field work was slowed this past week, most fall digging was complete.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 12% very short, 19% short, 67% adequate, and 2% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	--	13	61	26
Irr. Water Supply	22	25	23	26	4
Range & Pasture	1	10	43	46	--

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	95	98	97	93	91	80	88	99	97	97	98	95	94	98	94
Emerged	30	33	35	59	75	53	72	82	76	76	69	70	54	55	54
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	100	98	99	96	94	100	97	97	99	97	96
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	32	27	30	70	42	55	75	75	72	64	45	53

Avg (1998-2003); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 24, 2004 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	55	34	45	-1	4099	2054	1853	1.32	1.13	2.01	10.50	14.06
Grangeville	55	30	44	-1	3624	1649	1495	0.79	0.39	1.36	19.09	17.48
Lewiston	62	38	49	-1	5490	3225	2787	0.48	0.25	1.42	10.04	8.09
Sand Point	59	37	47	4	3788	1817	1450	2.39	1.75	2.90	18.48	16.61
Southwest												
Boise	58	35	46	-4	5500	3270	2668	0.70	0.51	1.04	5.80	6.69
Caldwell	63	36	49	-1	5383	3142	2926	0.28	0.10	0.28	2.18	5.90
Emmett	64	34	48	-1	5106	2905	2593	1.25	1.03	1.25	5.48	6.82
Mountain Home	57	30	44	-4	5304	3134	2642	0.35	0.16	0.59	3.54	5.24
Parma	63	34	51	3	5234	3005	2470	0.45	0.29	0.45	4.13	6.03
Weiser	64	24	48	0	5515	3296	2567	0.45	0.29	0.45	3.61	5.85
Southcentral												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	4552	2433	2175	0.00	-0.15	0.00	2.16	5.58
Burley	57	31	43	-4	4082	2024	2141	0.51	0.36	0.69	5.07	6.05
Hill City	49	23	38	-5	3187	1446	1259	0.70	0.46	0.73	3.78	6.49
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	5206	2984	2746	0.00	-0.15	0.00	1.80	5.12
Malta	64	32	46	-1	4276	2194	1866	0.69	0.56	0.72	7.33	6.77
Twin Falls 5/	--	--	--	--	4300	2235	1878	0.95	0.78	0.95	5.87	6.28
East												
Aberdeen	63	26	41	-2	3426	1609	1608	1.17	0.99	1.23	6.53	6.13
Grace	49	20	37	-7	3274	1488	1442	2.02	1.73	2.30	12.00	11.01
Idaho Falls	52	27	41	-2	3531	1636	1677	1.11	0.91	1.43	7.92	7.48
Malad City	70	25	43	-2	4075	2112	1846	1.11	0.84	1.22	9.11	9.71
Pocatello	52	30	43	-3	4060	2058	1955	0.93	0.72	1.26	7.01	7.92
Rexburg	63	32	43	0	3543	1676	1562	1.12	0.89	1.39	8.16	9.07
Salmon 5/	59	30	--	--	3246	1534	--	0.15	0.15	--	4.43	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{1/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Emmett	61	56	58	53	55	52	59	53	--	--	54	51	54	49	57	52
Parma	57	56	56	55	56	55	56	55	55	54	--	--	--	--	56	55
Sandpoint	56	43	46	42	--	--	50	45	--	--	--	--	--	--	51	43
Twin Falls	55	43	51	45	49	45	51	46	--	--	47	45	47	41	50	44

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.